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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Congressional Affairs
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Kerr Nomination

1. I talked to Senator Warner today and he indicated his pleasure in supporting Mr. Kerr. I also talked to Senator Robb, who was pleased to know of the nomination and indicated the possibility that he, too, might indicate some words of support. He asked that a resume be sent over so that he could look for areas where their paths may have crossed. Perhaps you should check with Dick Kerr to see if there is anything beyond the bio itself. He also asked for the time and place of the hearing, which I told him was on the 31st.

2. I told them both that my primary purpose was to underscore my support for the nomination and that it had been made on my recommendation. Both were pleased to hear this. I assume you will follow up with staff to see which of the Senators will support the nomination and in what way.

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William H. Webster

cc: DDI

Senator Warner: 224-2023 ~
Senator Robb: 224-4024

Richard J. Kerr
Deputy Director for Intelligence

On April 21, 1986 Mr. Kerr was appointed Deputy Director for Intelligence. As the DDI, he is the Director's principal adviser on the production of finished intelligence.

The DDI and his staff serve as the senior intelligence representatives in the NSC policymaking structure, ensuring that the Intelligence Community's product is relevant to U.S. policy at the highest level. Additionally, he represents the DCI in matters of substantive intelligence with the rest of the Executive Branch at the Cabinet level, with Congress, with the academic and business worlds, and with the public.

Prior to his appointment as DDI, Mr. Kerr was the Deputy Director for Administration and responsible for administratively supporting those Intelligence Community components under the jurisdiction of the DCI.

In July 1982 Mr. Kerr was selected to serve as the Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence. As such, he assisted in directing the Central Intelligence Agency's component responsible for all analysis and production of finished intelligence. From 1976 to 1982, Mr. Kerr served as director or deputy director of offices responsible for regional and political analysis worldwide, for intelligence analysis of East Asia, and production of current intelligence.

Mr. Kerr entered on duty with the Central Intelligence Agency as a military analyst in 1960 in the office responsible for preparing biographic and reference material. During the 1960s he served as a military-political analyst focusing on the USSR. His various assignments have dealt with imagery collection, and he also served as the executive officer for the Intelligence Community Staff.

Mr. Kerr received his BA in History and did graduate work at the University of Oregon. He is married to the former and they have four children.

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